BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AT A GLANCE

Born: Sept. 17, 1933, New Hartford, Iowa

Family: Married Barbara Speicher 1954;

Five children, Lee, Wendy, Robin, Michele, Jay

Occupation: Farmer (son, Robin, currently operates family farm); sheet metal shearer 1959-

1961; assembly line worker 1961-1971; elected to Iowa Legislature 1958; U.S.

House of Representatives 1974, U.S. Senate 1980

Education: B.A. 1955, M.A. 1956 Political Science, University of Northern Iowa;

Ph.D. work, University of Iowa

Memberships: Farm Bureau, the Butler County and State of Iowa Historical Societies, Pi Gamma

Mu, Kappa Delta Pi, International Association of Machinists 1962-71, International

Parliamentary Group for Human Rights, Masons, Eagles, Baptist Church

Committees: Finance (Chairman), Judiciary, Budget, Joint Tax

Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control (Chairman)

Awards: Agriculture/Rural Communities

Iowa Corn Growers Association, National Farmers Union, National Grain and Feed Association, National Corn Growers Association, The American Farm Bureau Federation, National Telephone Cooperative Association, Iowa Farm Bureau, Agricultural Retailers Association, National Pork Producers Council

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Good Government

Congressional Coverage Coalition, American Arbitration Association, The Project

on Government Oversight, National Whistleblower Center Award

Budget/Taxes

Citizens for A Sound Economy, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Concord Coalition Citizens' Council, Council For Citizens Against Government Waste, National Taxpay-

ers Union

Small Business

National Association for the Self-Employed, National Federation of Independent Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Survival Committee

Aging Issues/Health Care

"60-Plus Association," National Council of Senior Citizens, United Seniors Association, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Association of Rural Health Clinics, Coalition to Save Medicare, National Osteoporosis Foundation, National Association of State Units on Aging, American Network of Community Options and Resources, Iowa Physician Assistant Society, Iowa Nurses' Association, American Nurses Association, American Association of Dental Schools, Family Voices, National PACE Association, National Mental Health Association, Mental Health Association of Dubuque County Iowa, American Health Care Association, Iowa Chiropractic Society, Alzheimer's Association, American Dietetic Association, American Physical Therapy Association

Grassroots

National Law Center for Children and Families, Vietnam Veterans of America, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, National Child Support Enforcement Association, Church Alliance, Job Corps

"Grassley does this at least once a year — visiting every county in Iowa...Like clockwork over the years he has gone out of his way to make sure he sees people in each county — in their home communities — each year.... [T]his is an easy litmus test of how well a politician is willing to keep his word." — *Mount Ayr Record-News*, June 1998

"His influence in the Senate serves his constituents well. He is a hard worker. He is respected for his integrity, with staunch moral values that are rooted in his home state."

— Omaha World-Herald. Oct. 31, 1998

"Sen. Charles Grassley...is not afraid to ruffle feathers — even when those feathers belong to members of his own Republican Party or such Washington establishments as the military." — *Ottumwa Courier*, Jan. 2, 1996

"He is consistent, he is courageous, he is tenacious. It's a good thing for the country that Grassley still exhibits those characteristics, particularly when it comes to keeping an eye on the Pentagon." — *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, Nov. 18, 1996

"Grassley is a much more senior member of the Senate...in the majority and in a position to make recalcitrant bureaucrats uncomfortable pretty quickly..." Senator Grassley vs. The FBI by Jane Norman, *The Des Moines Register*, March 2, 1997

"The law, championed by Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, is a proven weapon in the fight against fraud and it's rapidly becoming the most effective tool there is in protecting the integrity of the health care system." — *The Quad-City Times*, July 21, 1998

"The public owes a debt of gratitude to Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa. Their initiative was not especially well received by opponents of reform. But an indefensible and odious practice (secret 'holds') finally gave way to the public interest." — *The Washington Post*, March 10, 1999

"Grassley assails IRS, thankfully" — Dyersville Commercial, June 3, 1998

"Senator Charles Grassley did his Iowa constituents and the rest of the country a huge favor...probably saving Iowans at least \$100 million." Grassley vs. drugmakers, *The Des Moines Register*, March 15, 2000

"Everyone who drives a vehicle knows the score at the pump. Gasoline and diesel fuel prices are up 70 percent compared to a year ago...there are a lot of ideas floating about how to address the situation. Sen. Charles Grassley may have come up with some of the best ideas." Taking on OPEC with an aggressive stance, *Hampton Chronicle*, Feb. 24, 2000.

"Iowa's senior senator always has evoked an image of the down-to-earth, hard-working, straight-talking farmer/legislator who has not forgotten where he came from and is unfazed by the slick nature of Washington, D.C. And when it comes to his new position [on the Senate Finance Committee], he has the same attitude." Grassley assumes key chairmanship, *Quad-City Times*, Jan. 22, 2001.

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U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

IOWA'S SENIOR SENATOR

Keeping in touch with Iowans enables Sen. Chuck Grassley to bring Iowa common sense to official Washington. From the river towns along the mighty Mississippi to the farm communities nestled among the Loess Hills in Western Iowa, Chuck Grassley stays well-informed by holding open meetings in each of Iowa's 99 counties every year. A hallmark of Grassley's commitment to make representative government work, the senior senator from Iowa works hard to give individual Iowans a voice in Washington. Plus, from his assignments on Capitol Hill, Grassley is where he needs to be to advocate for Iowa's interests.

The only working family farmer in the U.S. Senate, Grassley brings true grit to his congressional oversight responsibilities. Seeking a more accountable government, Grassley works to keep Washington honest. Whether it's tracking constituent casework or going head-to-head with the Pentagon, Grassley works to make the federal government work better. He successfully led a six-year campaign to make Congress live under the same laws as the rest of the country.

Sinking his teeth into the federal government's bureaucratic alphabet soup, Grassley has fostered reforms of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the federal agency that runs Medicare, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Keeping vigil against waste, fraud and abuse, Grassley also is a perennial recipient of the Taxpayer's Friend Award. As the second most senior member of the Senate Budget Committee, Grassley champions fiscal discipline. Involved in negotiating the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Grassley helped shepherd through Congress the first balanced federal budget since 1969.

Grassley's tenacity has earned renown inside the Beltway and outside Washington. The Iowa senator's tight grip on the federal purse strings has brought results for the taxpayers. Working to combat fraud against the government by defense contractors in 1986, Grassley won passage of amendments to the False Claims Act. To date, the Grassley amendments have recovered \$3.3 billion to the U.S. Treasury and have helped to deter untold billions more. The Grassley provisions have become the government's most effective weapon against health care fraud.

Honoring the memory of the American servicemen still missing from the Vietnam War, it was Chuck Grassley who in 1992 successfully challenged the U.S. government to release over a million pages of documents about those left behind as POWs and MIAs. Grassley pulled back the cloak of secrecy that had surrounded this painful chapter in American history. For the families and loved ones of those brave men, there was no stronger advocate than Iowa's senior senator.

A farm-state lawmaker, Grassley exercises his authority on the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees to watch out for rural America's interests. Trouble-shooting for the Midlands, Grassley has taken a leading role in Washington to monitor mega-mergers and potentially anti-competitive behavior. Specifically, Grassley has asked the U.S. Justice Department to gauge disproportionate impacts that corporate mergers in the banking, airline, chemical, seed, railway, telecommunications, and utilities industries may have on farmers, small business owners, workers, and consumers in rural America. Grassley has introduced legislation that would for the first time give the USDA expanded authority to challenge anti-competitive practices in agribusiness if it finds a merger would cause substantial harm to the ability of independent producers and family farmers to compete in the marketplace.

After working two years to bring increased competition to under-served markets like Iowa, Grassley crossed a major legislative hurdle in 2000 to open the door for increased airline competition to Iowans.



Grassley and colleagues send IRS reform to the President. - July 1998

Start-up and budget carriers now will have a better opportunity to get their businesses off the ground in Iowa. Meaningful airline competition will improve Iowa's ability to attract and keep a competitive business climate that supports high-paying jobs.

Since 1981, Grassley has served all but four years on the influential Senate Finance Committee. In the 107th Congress, Grassley's seniority paid off as he took the reins of what he calls the "quality of life committee." From here, Grassley will guide matters of public policy that affect the health and welfare of American citizens, virtually from cradle to grave, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, federal taxes, trade and pensions.

Faced with a rare 50-50 split among Republicans and Democrats in the Senate and on the committee, Grassley vows to seize the opportunity and forge a consensus that will achieve results not gridlock. His goals as chairman include crafting legislation that would minimize the marriage tax penalty; repeal the estate tax; lower marginal tax rates; increase trade opportunities; simplify the pension system; address Social Security's long-term viability; modernize the Medicare program with a prescription drug benefit alongside other structural reforms, including health care equity for rural states; and reauthorize the 1996 Welfare Reform Act.

A Butler County native, Grassley understands the ins and outs of farming and how policy decisions from Washington impact the hardworking American farmer. Scoring a major victory for the Upper Midwest, Grassley orchestrated congressional approval to extend the ethanol program to 2007.

Committed to a strong, diversified economy to keep good-paying jobs that keep young people in Iowa, Grassley advocates free and fair trade opportunities to enhance Iowa's competitiveness in the global economy. Since 1986, Grassley has hosted hundreds of international ambassadors on a biennial tour of his home state to showcase Iowa's people, products and places to our global trading partners.

Grassley's commitment to Iowa's future and the next generation prompted him to launch an extensive, first-of-its-kind statewide initiative to address Iowa's growing drug problem. Called Face It Together (F.I.T.), Grassley spearheaded the grassroots-based anti-drug strategy to help Iowa families work together to keep their communities, schools and workplaces drug-free. As chairman of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, Grassley takes aim at money laundering, crime rings and drug trafficking that victimize America's youth.

While Senator Grassley works in Washington, he lives in Iowa. He returns home almost every weekend. He and his wife Barbara raised five children in New Hartford. They have nine grandchildren.